Title: Improvements Relating to Smoking Article Filters
U.S. Serial No. 10/563,506
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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed September 30,

 $2009,\,\mathrm{Applicant}$ hereby elects the species of Figure 2 with traverse. The claims readable on the

species of Figure 2 are claims 41-55, 58-61, 65, 66, and 68-75.

Applicant traverses the election requirement since Applicant believes that claims 41-55,

58-60, 65, 66, and 68-75 are generic to all six drawing species (Figs. 1-5A). Upon allowance of

one or more of the generic claims, Applicant respectfully requests an action on the merits for all

six species.

Accordingly, claims 56, 57, 62, 63, 64, 66, and 67 have been provisionally withdrawn

pending the allowance of a generic claim.

Applicant has further amended the claim number and dependencies to conform to the

cancellation of claims 1-40 and the addition of new claim 41 in Preliminary Amendment "A".

Applicant is further submitting an amended page 2/2 of the drawings to correct the

transposition of the reference numerals "3" and "4" in Fig. 4.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if any further issues require

discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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